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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 4
 Time: 8:00 P.M.
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Editorial

OUR TRAILS

Heralded far and wide as among the most beautiful to be found anywhere in the entire country, our trails are in sad need of attention.

Since the organization of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association, a portion of the dues each year is allotted to the upkeep of these trails. In addition each year a number of our members make voluntary contributions to this work. However, a recent check of the members actually sending in these donations shows a very small percentage compared to the number of riders, and we are wondering why.

It is the privilege of every member to contact the trail committee, headed by A. B. Graham, and to make suggestions or requests concerning certain trails. These requests are investigated and wherever possible are acted upon.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors it was disclosed that certain trails are badly overhung with branches and that there are holes that should receive attention. This requires work, and work costs money. It was therefore suggested that members volunteer to form working teams and ride these trails equipped with necessary tools to take care of these minor difficulties. Some members volunteered to work a day over a week-end while others preferred to put in their day sometime during the week. This could be worked out satisfactorily to the volunteer. Why not offer a day to your association and eliminate some of these riding hazards? It would be a day well spent, a day that would take you away from the office or routine duties, and a day that would add to your own enjoyment as well as to that of others.

Anyone interested is asked to contact Mr. Graham, Clarence Simons or Art Palmer and definite plans will be worked out.

In the meantime why not make a donation to your trail fund? It doesn't have to be large, for a small one from each member would enable your committee to do wonders for you!

YEAR BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

For those of you who missed getting the first combined year book and horse show program, they may still be obtained by sending 25 cents in coin to the Trail Blazer, 2612 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley 5, California.

It is a worthwhile investment as it contains pictures, a complete trail map and stories of your association.

SEND FOR ONE WITHOUT DELAY!

OUR COVER

Shown heading the big night street parade through downtown Oakland are, left to right, Sheriff Jack Gleason of the Oakland police department on Buck; James A. Myers, president of the M.H.A., on Jack; and Chief Lester Devine on Smoky.

All three horses are owned by Mr. Myers.

Secretary's Mail Bag

Now that the Annual MHA Horse Show is over the next big thing for MHA is MEMBERSHIP. Your Membership chairman, Heber Brown, has set a goal of 1,000 members for this year, and so far we are half-way to the mark. Last year at the annual C.S.H.A. Convention it was found that MHA had the largest membership in the State—816 paid up members. Plans are under way for colorful banners to be presented to all groups with 100% membership in MHA at the Open Forum in September—this gives the groups five weeks to sign up all members. Last year the 100% idea was highly successful so each active MHA member look over the list of inactive members sent you, and sell them on a renewal to MHA—they haven't lost a thing except the July issue of TRAIL BLAZER because the monthly publication went to both active and inactive members until the July issue, at which time the list was cut because it costs too much to send the magazine to persons who haven't renewed. Do you realize that MHA is one of the few associations in the State publishing such a magazine? Also that MHA has been sending the monthly State HORSEMAN to all of its members?

Another thing to be properly ashamed of is the lack of attendance at the last Open Forum—what's the matter—the night was made to order and only a handful of faithfuls turned out. This is YOUR chance to come and join the gang in a discussion of how we can better MHA, or if you don't like something come and air your opinions in public but don't go growling in private—this is your opportunity to meet with your Board of Directors and try to build MHA past events and help to put MHA on the map as the largest and finest Horseman's Association in the State.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 21—Breakfast sponsored by George Daniels for paid-up members followed by a Field Day.

Thursday, September 1—OPEN FORUM—Woodminster Club House 8 P.M.

Sunday, September 25—Breakfast and Wild West Show—Aahmes Shrine Randh.

1949 MODEL FOR THE DON MARQUIS'

With conversation at the Don Marquis home usually centering on the latest designs and bodies, Dodge cars are taking second place these days due to a new model, young Carol Anne Marquis, who made her first showing at Providence hospital on July 11.

Arriving fully equipped, which included a membership in the Metropolitan Horsemen's association, the newest member of the Marquis family is already reported to have an unusually strong pair of lungs, which may mean that she will follow her popular Daddy's footsteps and be a singer.

Anyhow, latest reports are that Mrs. Marquis, the former Betty Chute, and little Carol Anne are both fine, and Daddy Don is well on the road to a complete recovery.

DR. MADERIOUS TO SPEAK AUGUST 5

Dr. William E. Maderious, of Concord, well known in the Bay area, will be guest speaker at a meeting August 5 in Sequoia lodge to be sponsored by the Leona Riders.

The meeting, to get under way at 9 p.m., will be open to the public. Dr. Maderious will speak on the conditioning of horses for training and show riding.

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GEORGE DANIELS' FIELD DAY AUGUST 21st

With echoes still being heard of the grand time enjoyed last year, paid up members of the Metropolitan Horesmen's association are now looking forward to the second annual George Daniels trail ride and field day set for August 21.

Inaugurated last year by Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, the affair proved to be one of the most enjoyable ever held by the MHA members. Open to all holding membership cards, the outing this year promises to surpass the 1948 event, and a large attendance is anticipated.

Getting under way with a trail ride, the group will end up at the horse arena, in Joaquin Miller park, where a Free breakfast will be served.

Afternoon festivities will feature field day events. Included will be relay, pole bending and ring spearing teams from each club in the M.H.A. The first three winners in each event will represent the local association in the fifth regional competition to be held at the Wild West show and chuck wagon breakfast September 25th at the Aahmes arena. According to Clarence Simons the same rules will prevail at the field day. Regional winners at the Wild West show will compete in the state meeting at Sacramento.

"Each club in the association should have a team in competition," said Mr. Simons. "Captains will be advised by letter as to the rules regarding the contests. Members of the association will also receive bulletins, by mail, announcing the time of the ride and the breakfast."

Mr. Daniels, a charter member of the M. H.A., is owner of the Green Barn, one of the outstanding stables in the area.

REMEMBER YOU MUST BE A PAID-UP MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE. PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

5th REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS AT CHUCK WAGON BREAKFAST SEPT. 25th

Plans are virtually complete for the big Shrine-Metropolitan chuck wagon breakfast, to be held Sept. 25th at Shrine Rangers Rancho, on Skyline Blvd., according to Fred Bemis, of the Shrine, and Don Schwimley, representing the M.H.A., in charge of arrangements.

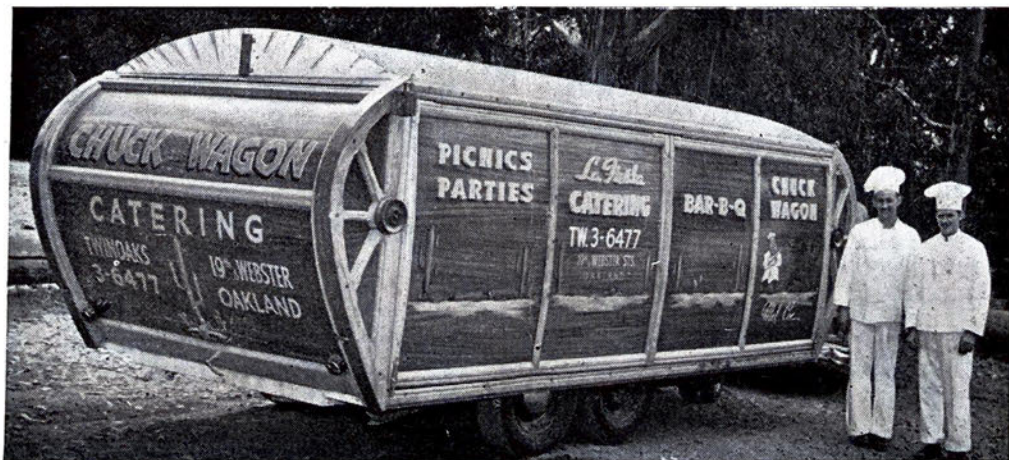
An annual affair, the breakfast this year will be open for the first time to all members of the Metropolitan association and their families as well as to the Shrine and guest participants.

The breakfast, to be served at 9 o'clock, will be followed by the show at 9:30 a.m. Admission to the breakfast and show will be \$2.00 per person, while those attending the show only pay \$1.00. Participants will be able to attend the breakfast for a fee of \$1.35.

Fred E. Anderson, regional vice president of the California State Horseman's Assn. will direct the elimination contests to be conducted by rules and regulations as set forth by the California State Horsemen's Association.

Included will be contests for junior groups as follows: Grooming, handling and horsemanship, class room examinations, pen and ink written; parts of horse and unsoundness; tack and equipment and breeds, uses and colors. Arena contests: Western stock horses, Western pleasure horse, English pleasure horse, jumpers (jump 3'6") and junior drill team. Regional winners will be eligible to state championship.

In the senior groups the blue ribbon contests, winners will be eligible to state championship contests at the convention. Classes include calf roping, team roping, relay race, tilting or ring spearing, pole bending, cutting horses and senior drill team.



Membership News

WOULDN'T IT?

Wouldn't our association be lots better
If every member would say
"I know something good about you,"
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Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
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Of what is good about you?

Wouldn't our life be delightful
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That our friends bothered to recall.

Wouldn't each member be happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be a grand practice,
A fine way of thinking too—
If you'd tell what is good about me
And I'd tell the same about you?

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Routine matters occupied the attention of the board of directors, in session July 7, at the home of President Jim Myers.

Bill Pray, treasurer, gave a report of the horse show, but due to the fact that there was more money to come in and more bills to be presented, it was decided to wait until later to publish a full report.

Heber Brown, membership chairman reported 273 delinquent senior members on the roster, and stated that he would prepare this list to be sent to all active members as was done last year in the hopes of signing up more members. He stated also that 100 per cent banners will be presented to groups qualifying at the September Open Forum. To date there are 376 senior members and 161 juniors.

Art Palmer made the suggestion that members get together and work towards cleaning up trails, mentioning in particular those near the George Daniels area. Mr. Palmer, Sid Chown and A. B. Graham were named to organize the volunteer workers; Heber Brown and Irv Hansen to contact the Aahmes Shrine mounted patrol, and Mr. Palmer to do the same with the Alameda County Sheriff's posse.

Don Schwimley, chairman of the Wild West Show, set for September 25, stated that he would have details worked out before the August board meeting.

Kay Walling, Junior chairman, reported that \$641 was taken in on the sale of the saddle, and that approximately \$150 more is needed to outfit the junior parade group. She reported that the group had competed in 7 parades, and has received 7 trophies.

PRESIDENT MYERS VOICES THANKS

"While complete reports are still not available from our recent show, and after all we know that is what the members are chiefly interested in, they will be published in the near future," said President Jim Myers.

"I do want to take this opportunity, though, to express my sincere appreciation to all who assisted in any way. It was a big undertaking and one that meant plenty of work. Needless to say, we couldn't have staged the successful show that we did had it not been for the ones that did the work.

"While the major part of it fell on our manager, George Walling, it would not be fair to single out any certain member or group for special plaudits. We know that George did a wonderful job and put in weeks of hard work and thought in the preparation. The men and women that helped him, and we certainly don't want to forget the Juniors who so ably served as ground crew under the direction of Henry Rubenstein, all should feel proud of the work that was done. Another big hand should go to our police officers and to the park rangers. Their assistance, too, was greatly appreciated both by myself and the entire M.H.A. membership. Perhaps the easiest way would just be to say it was a big job, well done. Thanks everybody!"

don & ann

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Junior Activities

M.H.A. JUNIORS FORGING AHEAD

These are busy days for the M.H.A. Juniors, with their newly organized drill team and parade unit receiving acclaim wherever they appear.

Individual members of the association are also proving themselves outstanding in competition. With several members present on the annual El Caballo Volante Mt. Diablo trail ride, Janet Phillips, junior treasurer, received the award for horsemanship. Others making the two-day 66-mile trip included Phebe Brown, M.H.A. Junior president, Barbara Alberts, secretary, and Pat Rukavina.

Parade At San Leandro

The Junior parade unit took part in the San Leandro July 4 parade and received a beautiful trophy. Later Corrine Smith, one of the members, participated in the annual San Pablo horse show and received first place in the pleasure class. At the Concord 5th regional play day the parade group received another trophy, and won fourth in the relay race. One of the outstanding riders of the drill team, Bill Barnard, was awarded first in pole bending, first in musical tires, first in the sack race and second in the stake race. Bernie Cummings, a newcomer to the drill team, also is an outstanding young rider who took second in pole bending, second in musical tires, and third in the stake race. Betty Lavasone, one of the flag bearers, took second in the sack race.

This all happened on Saturday, July 17, and the following day the parade unit participated in the Pescadero parade bringing home a third place trophy. Incidentally, they were beaten only by the San Mateo sheriff's posse, and the San Francisco sheriff's posse. There were nine groups in the parade. The local group also took part in the grand entry at the rodeo and later put on an exhibition drill receiving another nice award.

Honors To Walleen

Walleen Grondona, mascot for the M.H.A. Juniors, placed first in the junior stock class at Pescadero and at the recent Santa Barbara National, she and her mother, Mrs. Walter Grondona, took first in the family class.

According to Mrs. Kay Walling, Junior chairman, the group has been invited, and accepted, an invitation to participate in the Gene Autry parade for Youths, to be held under the auspices of the Optimist club, at San Francisco, July 28. The parade unit will also take part in the Moose parade, in San Francisco, on August 14.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES TO BE PLANNED

Due to vacations, regular meetings of the M.H.A. Juniors are often interrupted and definite plans for the August meeting will have to reach the members by mail. It is expected that September will find the group back on regular schedule.

Plans for the near future include either a hay ride or an overnight ride, with definite dates and details to be discussed at the July meeting.

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WAS OUR FACE RED?

July really got off to a bad start with us when our usual genial president, Jim Myers, called to tell us that we had made a most unpardonable error in last month's magazine. . . . No doubt many of our readers discovered it when they read that Chief of Police Tracy was among those that led the street parade through downtown Oakland. We really have no excuses to offer. We knew it was Chief Lester Devine, and we are hereby offering our apologies. Chief Devine has been most cooperative and we certainly didn't want to slight him in any way. Jim tried to fix things up by saying that if people never made mistakes they wouldn't put erasers on pencils. Wonder if the fact that we have Chief Devine's picture on our cover will get us out of the well known dog house?

There really seemed to be so much news this month that we hardly knew where to put it. News of a general nature that we will try to highlight for you.

First, we were sorry that we had to break our promise of publishing a complete return from the recent show. But Bill and Jan Pray had to make a combined business and pleasure trip north, and it was impossible for Bill to get out the report before he left. We promise it will appear shortly. Too, George Walling promised some sort of a thank-you story to all who helped him, and he, too, had to let us down through no fault of his own. It seems that he has been having employee trouble and has been having his hands full trying to break in new help and also gather up the loose ends of his very busy office after neglecting it so long while he was so busy with M.H.A. show business.

Being vacation time, many are out of the city. Jim and Ida Myers spent a week in the mountains; Mary Gale, our secretary, is also out of town, having chosen to spend her time at her father's ranch and also visiting friends up north. Mr. and Mrs. G. Stewart Paul spent their three-week vacation on a motor trip, the big thrill being a trip through Yellowstone. Heber Brown is commuting this summer, as usual, coming back to Oakland to attend to his business while his family is spending the time at their summer home at Clear Lake.

Charmian Ellwein promised to report on her good times while spending a week at El Rancho Navarro, run by Joe and Marian Selby, our very good advertisers. Their ad is surely intriguing and we envy anyone that can visit the ranch.

The Galt fair drew its usual number of local horse people with Kay Walling and Corrine Smith spending several days there while Corrine competed in the show. However, Kay's first love is for her Juniors and she invariably draws the conversation to them when she is talking to you.

Mrs. Gene Lockhart, of Concord, dropped in to tell us about the 66 mile ride that the

El Caballo Volante Juniors sponsored. Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart accompanied the some 50 riders on the two day ride and Mrs. Lockhart reported she was still tired and that they had barely returned 'til members of the club were planning another over night ride. That is the fun of still being in your 'teens, we guess.

Speaking of vacations it isn't too late to tell you that Charlie Gray spent a month in the Islands, and Miss Cress has only recently returned from an extended trip through the East.

Stable news is coming in slowly and it has been months since we have heard from some of them. For this reason we are extending our deadline to the 15th of each month and surely hope that we hear from a lot of them in the future.

Rumor has it that a popular young couple in the association has that look in their eyes. Wish we could tell you, but we are sworn to secrecy yet.

We're indeed indebted to Sydney Chown who went to a great deal of trouble to bring us a large board to sleep on . . . another way of telling you that we have been laid up with a lame back for several weeks. A bad back and the mumps all in six months seems hardly fair!

George Daniels, who is out of town for a month, delegated Harold Knudsen as his stand-in in preparing for the second annual George Daniels field day which paid-up members of the M.H.A. will enjoy on August 21st. However, Mr. Daniels assures us he will be back in time for "his" day.

Bea McKechnie is busy getting settled in their newly built home and reports that it is lovely.

A bouquet to Mrs. George O'Brien who went in as pitch hitter when Mr. O'Brien, who handles publicity for the Alameda County Sheriff's posse was out of town at press time. We noticed a picture of the posse in the Oakland papers when a large group of the horsemen took part in the Freeway opening ceremonies. We were also informed that the Wildwood Stables also had a nice showing in the parade. We don't aim to slight anyone participating, but those were the ones that were called to our attention.

Last but not least, members of the M.H.A. rejoiced with Oakland over its choice of a new mayor as Clifford Rishell, known to many of us, took the highest office in the city. We all feel that we have a friend in Mayor Rishell.

—EGC

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THROUGH THE OPEN GATE

Dear Editor: The cooperation and kindness extended to the Juniors is certainly worthy of mention in the Trail Blazer, and I should greatly appreciate you running the following:

THANKS A MILLION

Ten days of rugged drilling before the show brought this to light. Not only have we a very enthusiastic Junior drill team, but we also have M.H.A.'ers that are really tops.

It was necessary to have a ring to work in immediately and this is what happened: We contacted the different riding academies which have arenas. The Wildwood Ranch said "You can always use our ring." The Oakland Riding Academy said "Yes, come on." The Pinto Ranch opened its gate, turned on the lights and took its own horses out of the ring when they saw us coming. The Piedmont Stables not only invited us to come, but wanted us to make our headquarters there. Miss Graham, of the Graham-Redwood Stables, told us to let her know when we wanted to come and she would gladly clear the ring for us. **AND THIS IS ALL FOR FREE.**

Heartiest thanks to you all for your generosity, your hospitality and your fine spirit of cooperation.

R. C. Van Den Berg

(Editor's Note: Mr. Van Den Berg is drilling the junior team—and was among the very first to volunteer his services to Mrs. Walling, junior adviser, when the team was first organized. While he is busy passing out thanks for the cooperation they have received, how about a few orchids to Mr. Van Den Berg for his fine work and time?)

To the Editor:

I saw the article in the Trail Blazer saying that the 1949 year books are still available. I'm just a new member and wasn't able to get one before. I received my first Trail Blazer today and enjoyed it very much. I wish that you would send me a year book.

Joan Catherine Brown

(Editor's Note: Thanks a lot, Joan, and we hope that you keep on enjoying your Trail Blazer, and the contacts that you will make in the M.H.A. We are always open for suggestions as to how to make your magazine better.)

Dear Editor:

Since moving away from Oakland I have lost much of the personal contact that I so enjoyed with my fellow M.H.A. members, and have not seen the people who were responsible for the great success of our latest Horse Show. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those members of the various committees whose hard work and diligent efforts made this show the outstanding success that it was.

I would like especially to congratulate George Walling, whose value as a Horse Show Manager has been proven by his putting on such a well organized show. Also, a special bouquet to Kay Walling for her wonderful work with the Juniors in this show. Kay, you can be very proud of the fine showing your Juniors made in the short time they had to get ready.

That Horse Show Program was a fine piece of work and is surely something that many of us will want to add to our scrapbooks of horse activities.

If we can improve the bad parking conditions, and continue to put forth the same effort and give the same attention to details as was done at this recent show, I personally feel that the M.H.A. Horse Show will be second to none in the future.

Charles A. Logue

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To the Editor:

Following the recent M.H.A. horse show, held in the new arena in Joaquin Miller park, the thought has come to me that the M.H.A. has grown to such proportions and has so many members and many nice horses that we should now enlarge our undertaking and put on a really big production. Why can't we start talking this up among ourselves, iron out the obstacles that we would have to surmount, and plan, in plenty of time, to put on the biggest and the best horse show in 1950 that Oakland and the Bay area has ever seen?

I really feel that the Metropolitan association is now equipped and ready to put on a super duper show, not merely a country show that draws only from the people that ride in the hills and from relatives of the participants, but from the entire Bay area. We had a good example when we saw the huge crowds that attended the society show put on last winter at the auditorium. People want to go somewhere, they want to go places where they have easy transportation, and where they can really see beautiful horses. Whether they are riders or not makes little difference.

We have beautiful mounted groups within our own ranks, we have some of the most beautiful horses in the country, and we have some excellent riders. But with a show of this kind we could draw outsiders, we could have many fine horses brought in from other places, and we could attract people that are well-known in the equestrian world.

In time I feel sure we could put on a show that would be equally as good as the one at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

True, it would take lots of work and preparation. We could plan it for a three-day affair, and make it the one big highlight of the entire year. We could attract the very finest in jumping horses, in gaited horses. The auditorium is easily accessible. The mayor, in attendance last year at one of our open forums, promised us anything we want in the way of cooperation from the city. We could, no doubt, clear all of our expenses in the first day of the show, and we would not only make money for our association, but make a name for the Metropolitan Horsemen's association annual horse show as well. Oakland, as I see it, and recall the gorgeous shows that were staged here before the tragic fire several years ago, is ripe and ready for a real society horse show. Can't we plan this now and give them what they want?

We could carry out the idea of the elaborate year book and program that was used this year for the first and really show the public what we are and what we are striving to do. The year books were really outstanding and I want to congratulate the management for putting out such a book. Every horse lover should have one and keep it. The trail map alone is worth the price of the book.

Bea McKechnie

To the Editor:

You asked the reason, in your last magazine, as to why there are no more members turning out for the Open Forums.

As I see it, the big reason is that people are reluctant to go and express themselves openly. When you do you are going to step on some one's toes, and oftentimes it is your neighbor's. You are usually there to air some pet gripe of yours and you hate to start anything.

How about having a suggestion box, where members could write letters? Let the secretary read these letters at the forums, and then have them open for discussion.

Large stores often advertise that they have these suggestion boxes. It is a way of helping them improve their service, and they often get worthwhile criticism. Why couldn't we improve our association in the same manner? An open forum, as I understand it, is to hear things pro and con. If you do get up and say what you wish, you have the feeling that some one is going to think you are a pretty poor sport. Where if you could have your suggestions and thoughts on paper, have them read, and then have the meeting thrown open for discussion, no one would know who was making the gripe, and there would be no feelings hurt. This is my suggestion.

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It was great fun! Every minute of it from the time that the approximately 50 riders on the fourth annual El Caballo Volante horsemen's association two-day ride gathered at the Wheeler ranch, in Walnut Creek and were checked in until the last trophy was awarded!

The 66 mile ride got underway early Friday morning, with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lockhart accompanying the large group. Starting up Mt. Diablo the riders were met at noon by trucks carrying their lunches and at night a large representation of parents and friends met the riders on top of the mountain for the highlight of the ride, the annual steak barbecue with all the trimmings. There were 135 dinners served, and later there was singing around a huge bonfire, with several of the juniors bringing musical instruments to add to the enjoyment. After sleeping out under the stars, in their sleeping bags, the young riders were up early and a number of them piled into a truck and went on up around the rim of the mountain to view the sunrise before starting their return trek.

Again the trucks met the riders for lunch, and it was a tired but happy bunch of kids that arrived back at the Wheeler ranch Sat. evening. Sunday morning the riders were called back to the ranch where the judging took place and presentation of awards were made, an important phase being how the horses stood up on the ride.

The decisions reached by the judges, Dr.

William E. Maderious, of Concord, and J. A. Hallett, of Lafayette were as follows:

Junior Division

- 1st—Sonja Schultz, 11, of Walnut Creek riding Snap.
- 2nd—Duane Lockhart, 10, of Walnut Creek riding Tena.
- 3rd—Pat Ruckavina, 9, of Oakland riding Chip.
- 4th—Robert Scott, 10, of Walnut Creek riding Lady.

Intermediate Division

- 1st—Yvonne Irwin, 13, of Lafayette riding Suyie.
- 2nd—Judy Rugh, 13, of Walnut Creek riding Johnnie.
- 3rd—Max Bennett, 13, of Orinda riding Babe.
- 4th—Sandra Logue, 13, of Concord riding Toy Storm.

Senior Division

- 1st—Pat Pheiffer, 16, of Orinda riding Sammie Lu.
- 3rd—Joan Knight, 15, of Vallejo riding Kate.
- 3rd—Aloha Saunders, 15, of Walnut Creek riding Prince.
- 4th—Marion Troyer, 14, of Walnut Creek riding Chiquita.
- Horsemanship—Janet Phillips, 15, of Oakland.

The picture shown above shows a large number of the riders on the trail. (Photograph by Charles Logue, official Trail Blazer photographer).

"Stall"-ing Around

Alameda County Sheriff's Posse

Immediately following the close of the M.H.A. horse show, members of the Alameda County sheriff's posse trailed their horses to Pleasanton where they were scheduled to take part in the annual Alameda county fair, beginning July 1.

It took a week of practice, and meant a great deal of traveling back and forth, but all reports of the success of the show proved it well worth the effort. Highlight of the four day affair was the posse's participation in the nightly Cavalcade, when, led by Captain Art Palmer, the local group took part in the grand entry and later gave a very fine drill. Each evening the posse also was a thrilling part of the grand finale. Sheriff Jack Gleason headed the posse at the Sunday show.

One of the features of the Pleasanton fair was an outstanding exhibit of the trophies and silver mountings and saddles of the posse members. Judged as one of the finest displays at the fair it attracted a great deal of attention and comment.

The calendar looks like a busy one for the posse members. August 13 they will be at the annual Critchley party at Napa for the fun both afternoon and evening, and report that it is one affair of the year they wouldn't want to miss. The following day, Sunday, August 14, they will take part in the downtown parade at Napa and on July 28 the posse will ride at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

The posse now has its official headquarters at the new Skyline Ranch.

EVENTS

August 6-7	Fresno	Eliminations
Aug. 7	Sleepy Hollow	Jr. Show
Aug. 9-14	Ferndale	H.S. & Rodeo
Aug. 11-14	Napa	Horse Show
Aug. 19-21	Ukiah	Horse Show
Aug. 19-21	Woodland	H.S. & Rodeo
Aug. 21	Quincy	H.S. & Rodeo
Aug. 21	Oakland	Field Day
Aug. 20-28	Stockton	H.S. & Rodeo
Aug. 23-28	Susanville	H.S. & Rodeo
Aug. 25-28	Paso Robles	H.S. & Rodeo
Aug. 25-28	Grass Valley	Horse Show
Aug. 25-28	Roseville	H.S. & Rodeo
Aug. 26-28	Plymouth	Horse Show
Aug. 27-30	Monterey	Horse Show
Aug. 28-29	Natividad	Region No. 6
Sept. 3	Turlock	Gymkhana
Sept. 3	Lodi	Dance
Sept. 3-5	Concord	Trail Ride & Show
Sept. 10-11	Turlock	Regional
Sept. 16-18	Lodi	Horse Show
Sept. 18	Fairfax	Horse Show
Sept. 18	Lodi	Horse Show
Sept. 22-25	Watsonville	Horse Show
Sept. 25	Oakland	Reg. Elimination
Oct. 2	Marysville	Horse Show
Oct. 13-18	Sacramento	Blue Ribbon

Effective immediately the new deadline for stable news will be the 15th of each month. We are sorry that there isn't more news for you in this issue and invite the reporters to send in news to us every month. Readers are interested in news from your particular stable. They enjoy reading about what you are doing, your new boarders, your success in competition and all about your people and your horses. Won't you let us hear from you?

AT THE PINTO RANCH

No. it wasn't firecrackers—But it went off with a bang! That was the fourth of July rodeo at the Pinto Ranch. There were relay races, bareback push offs, musical chairs, calf roping, team roping, and bareback bronc riding event. But most important of all, there was fun for everyone.

We are enjoying our long hunted-for Brahma calves. However, one of them has escaped, and if anyone sees a white Brahma calf about six months old, please notify Bruce Orcutt at the Pinto Ranch.

Summer months bring horse shows and trail rides. Speaking of horse shows, Pearl Leibl's Don Keno brought home a third place ribbon and Ethel Alberts' mare, Topaz, a fifth from the Palomino class at the M.H.A. show. Vern Chappell went on the Merced-Mariposa trail ride and won the men's horsemanship award and second place in the heavyweight division.

Ronnie Pimentel is a new boarder at the ranch, with his keen bay horse. Ronnie is a member of the newly organized M.H.A. Junior drill team.

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Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol

The Rangers performed their exhibition drill and participated in the general pageantry celebrating the Fiesta De Las Banderas in Alameda on Sunday, June 12.

Their next appearance was on Thursday, June 23, when they took part in the Oakland parade advertising Metropolitan Horesmen's Association Show.

The Rangers were presented with a beautiful trophy for the excellent performance of their exhibition drill at the Metropolitan Horsemment's Association Show on Sunday, June 26. They also participated in the grand entry, after which they were presented with a trophy for their part in the parade.

In competitive events during the show, members of the organization received the following awards:

Pair Class—Dave Jones and Heber Brown, third.

Floyd Jacobs and Jack Simons, fifth.

Pinto Pleasure Class — Mucho Grande owned by Floyd Jacobs and ridden by Ted Sciacqua, third.

Princess Snip—Jack Simons, fourth.

Twirp—Jerry Jacobs, fifth.

Parade Horses—Opal Brown riding Highland Bourbon, fifth.

The Rangers are proud to have in the unit a beautiful new black and white registered pinto, Geronimo, a blue ribbon winner of many shows in the southern part of the state, recently purchased by Si Simons.

Many of the members of the organization took part in competitive events at the San Pablo Horsemen's Association Horse Show at San Pablo on Monday, July 4, winning the following awards:

Matched Pairs—Fred Bemis on "Cap," Si Simons on Geronimo, first.

King and Bee ridden by Dave Jones and Archie Brown, second.

Pedro and Lady ridden by Floyd Jacobs and Jack Simons, third.

Parade Horses—Frank Kelly, fifth.

Stake Race — Babe owned by Archie Brown and ridden by Jack Simons, first. Time: 14 seconds.

Relay Race—Frank Kelly and Jack Simons, third.

Ladies Pleasure Class—Geronimo ridden by Opal Brown, first.

Sparky ridden by Barbara Bemis, third.

The Rangers were also judged the best mounted unit in the Grand Entry, for which they received a beautiful trophy.

Everyone agreed that the San Pablo Show was a very good one, fast, moving, large classes and close competition. The trophies were unusually lovely and the Rangers were proud of their participation.

A customer complained to one of our cleaners because a spot was taken out of his suit. "That's what we are supposed to do, isn't it?", said the cleaner. "Well, sort of," answered the customer. "But this was a ten spot".

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Upson Downs

Upson Downs members have one rule which marks the group as being unique—they change "heads" every three months! That is, the Co-ordinator or president, is elected every three months and in this way the group is assured of new ideas for rides, entertainments and shows. Early in the re-organization this point was presented to the group which has proven to be extremely successful. Each Co-ordinator serves three months, in this way no one person is burdened with responsibility for a long period of time. Barbara Bangs was elected as Co-ordinator at the recent business meeting, however, due to the fine work that treasurer, Bob McCarty and secretary, Mary Gale, have been doing since the club's re-organization in October of 1948, it was decided that if those officers were willing the members would like to have them serve for an indefinite length of time.

The Supper Ride and Barbecue on Sunday, July 10, under the direction of Barbara Bangs was a successful event. The riders: Win Johnson, Pat Brandes, Bob McCarty, Lorraine Lacerda, Mary Lou Hutton, Bud Bahnsen, Bob White, Judy Benford, Julie Laube, Margo Brewer, Rose Kraft, Windy Smith and Juanita Grey left at 4 p.m. for a quick trip around the loop. The group was served a delicious steak supper by Lionel Mitchener, Earle Hansen and Lorraine Harris. Guests were General and Mrs. G. O. Cress and Mr. and Mrs. Brandes.

For the past month Upson Downs has been riding under the instruction of Earl Hansen and each week's ride is reported as the best yet. Members are indeed indebted to both Woody and Earle Hansen for the fine instruction and support given the group by these two outstanding horsemen and instructors.

The next activity will be a rollicking gymkhana on Friday evening, August 5. There will be entertainment-plus, so all of you M.H.A. members be on hand for a jolly evening packed with surprises. **ADMISSION FREE.**

A young girl of my acquaintance complains she seems to be able to get her fingers into everything except a wedding ring. Why not introduce her to one of our bachelor M.H.A. members? (Telephone numbers furnished on request).

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Outside of the equitation classes, all other events were exhibitions, thereby giving the spectators an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the various types of flat saddle riding.

The hunter and jumper events were received with much enthusiasm and interest. The jumper class being won by Twink owned by Lew Helms and ridden by Sylvia King. Top honors in the working hunter class went to Ethel Totten on Captain Kidd.

At the close of the show, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kelly of Kelley's Auction Yard, invited us over for moving pictures, cocktails, and a marvelous buffet supper.

So ended the horse show, but not the interest. Plans are now under way for the erection of a 1½ mile hunter course on the 7 acres behind the stables, and also for an open show this fall.

*Includes renewals and new members from
June 15 through July 15.*

RENEWALS

Althea Dorsey	Walter Leatham
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Bonnie Mary Hooper	Elizabeth Petri
Pearl Leatham	

NEW MEMBERS

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Joaquin De Menezes	

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